

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL HOT LIST: Friday February 29, 2008

Environmental Community

Hot List for the STATE HOUSE

The following is a special supplemental environmental Hot List for the upcoming vote on the 520 bridge financing bill HB 3096. Please feel free to contact me at clifford@wcvoters.org or 206-369-2235, if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

HB 3096: Financing the state route number 520 bridge replacement project.

POSITION: *SUPPORT w/request for future changes to the Floor Amendment*

- The state route 520 bridge is one of the most vulnerable structures in the state and in danger of failure during either a heavy windstorm or an earthquake. HB 3096 provides for strategies for financing the SR-520 bridge. We appreciate the legislature's leadership on this high-priority safety and mobility corridor.
- We SUPPORT the bill out of committee, and applaud many of its components. The bill out of committee is a major improvement in leaving the design issues for other forums.
- We also appreciate and support many changes reflected by 3096-S AMH MUNN 121. However, we have one important and specific concern in the floor amendment: it needs to be clarified so that the bridge is designed for HOV travel and **high-capacity** transportation. "Transit" alone is a step backward from 2007's SB 6099 (which the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law just last year). The bridge design language should include **high-capacity** transportation, just as it did in SB 6099. Efficient HCT options must be incorporated on the 4+2 bridge as we plan for population growth and provide mobility choices that support our state's climate change goals.
- We will be working closely with the House and Senate Transportation Chairs, and other key members on these changes as the bill works its way through the process.

Contributing Organizations

American Rivers ♦ Audubon Washington ♦ Climate Solutions ♦ Conservation Northwest ♦ Earth Ministries
Environment Washington ♦ Futurewise ♦ Heart of America Northwest ♦ Lutheran Public Policy Office ♦ The Nature Conservancy
NW Energy Coalition ♦ People for Puget Sound ♦ Puget Soundkeeper Alliance ♦ Sierra Club ♦ Transportation Choices Coalition
WA Citizens for Resource Conservation ♦ Washington Conservation Voters ♦ Washington Environmental Council ♦ WashPIRG ♦
Washington Toxics Coalition ♦ Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition